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## LOUISVILLE MAN SENTENCED TO 2 YEARS FOR MAKING AND PASSING COUNTERFEIT UNITED STATES CURRENCY

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that **BRANDON BRUIN**, age 19, of 4507 Cane Run Road Louisville, Kentucky, was **sentenced** in United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky, for manufacturing and passing counterfeit U.S. currency.

On October 24, 2006, U.S. District Judge Charles R. Simpson, III. sentenced **Bruin** to 2 years, plus 3 years supervised release. **There is no parole in the federal judicial system.** 

The Superseding Indictment to which **Bruin** pleaded guilty to charged him with manufacturing and passing counterfeit currency on multiple occasions. More specifically, in June 2005 **Bruin** manufactured \$140 in counterfeit currency in the Louisville, Kentucky, area. Following this, in October of 2005 **Bruin** manufactured approximately \$1,170 in counterfeit currency. In addition, on October 19, 2005, **Bruin** conspired with others to pass counterfeit currency at multiple locations in the Louisville area. More particularly, during the course of the conspiracy **Bruin** attempted to purchase items at a Macy's department store with \$240 in counterfeit currency. Also

on that same day, one of his co-conspirators attempted to purchase items at Macy's with \$160 in

counterfeit currency. Further, one of **Bruin's** co-conspirators attempted to hide \$960 in counterfeit

currency in a holding/security room at the Macy's department store. Also on that same day, Bruin

and his co-conspirators purchased U.S. Postal money orders at three different U.S. Post Offices in

the Louisville area. At these three U.S. Post Offices Bruin and his co-conspirators passed over

\$500 in counterfeit currency.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Bryan Calhoun, and it was

investigated by the United States Secret Service.

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